* Read this site: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/30/politics/government-shutdown-up-to-speed/index.html> - 20 things you need to know about the shutdown

1. Why did the government shutdown?
2. How is Obamacare tied to the government shutdown and budget?
3. Which political party is against Obamacare? What are some of the negatives of Obamacare?
4. Which political party defends Obamacare? What are some of the positives of Obamacare?
5. Has a government shutdown every occurred before? When? How many government workers were furloughed (released from work and sent home) on Tuesday?
6. How much will the shutdown cost America (estimate)? How could it affect you?
7. Will the President and Congress keep getting paid? Will Obamacare be stopped with the shutdown?

Look at the next three links – they all deal with the shutdown and how it could affect you and millions of other Americans.

1. <http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/23/politics/government-shutdown-daily-life/index.html?iid=article_sidebar> – 10 ways the shutdown could affect you
2. <http://www.cnn.com/interactive/2013/09/politics/government-shutdown-impact/index.html?iid=article_sidebar> – What is closed and what is open
3. <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57605369/government-shutdown-whats-the-impact/> - What areas are impacted or not impacted
4. After looking through the past three links, what are some of the areas that will be affected and hurt because of the shutdown (list some)?
5. How could you or a regular American be affected by this shutdown?
6. What areas are unaffected (you can list)?

Reaction: What is your opinion, after reading and researching these topics, on Obamacare (healthcare plan)? Do you think you agree with the Republicans or the Democrats? What is your opinion on the government shutdown? Explain briefly.